

form is incorporated into a powdered orange juice. No aqueous system is used in Example B-6. Orange juice powder is not in a juicy form! It is believed that Maruta does not make obvious the subject matter recited in claim 5 above, wherein the plant substance is in a juicy form.

The advisory action refers to column 13, lines 7-64, of Maruta with respect to the addition of trehalose to aqueous systems. Of the many possibilities there mentioned, the only liquids specified are at lines 42-47 and 50-52, and none of these are plants substances in a juicy form.

Applicants also submit that the term "active-oxygen-eliminating" is a broader concept than the concept "antioxidant".

The examiner's attention is again invited to applicants' disclosure at page 2, lines 11-15, of the specification, from which it is clear that the term "active-oxygen-eliminating" is a broader term than "antioxidant" which includes "antioxidant" as a sub-genus of "active-oxygen-eliminating". Attention is again invited to the publications filed with the reply of June 30, 1999. From these publications, it should be apparent what is meant by the term "active-oxygen", i.e. "active-oxygen" includes superoxide anion radical, hydroxyl radical, hydrogen peroxidase, singlet oxygen, etc. Applicants believe that the term "active-oxygen-

eliminating" is a common technical term and that it should not be assumed to be equivalent to "antioxidant".

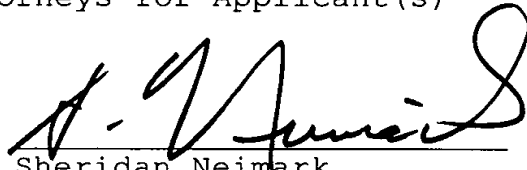
Applicants respectfully note that because the rejection is under §103, obviousness is an issue. Part of the issue of lack of obviousness is non-obviousness "as a whole". The present applicants have discovered an unobvious effect as pointed out in applicants' specification and in earlier replies. Because the claimed subject matter is novel (there is no rejection under §102) and unobvious by virtue of the unobvious results produced, the claims should be allowed.

Entry of the present amendment and allowance are respectfully requested.

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